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Preliminary Amendment

product-housing section arranged for stacking of machined product workpieces and a material-housing section arranged for stacking of material workpieces provided in parallel, on said one side, in said second direction.

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Please add new claim 19, as follows:

19. (NEW) A workpiece-transfer device as in Claim 1, characterized in that said workpiece-storage device includes a skeleton-housing section in parallel with said second direction and on a side of the material-housing section opposed to said product-housing section.

Please cancel Claims 12-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.